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a user determined programmable activation time period, said programmable activation time period being entered subsequent to entry of said access code,

an input device, said input device being integral with said exterior case for entry of said predetermined user access code and said programmable activation time period;

a readout panel, said readout panel being visible at said exterior case and providing a status of said operating control device;

an internal control member, said control member being in direct communication with said input device, said power source, said driver member and said activation member,

wherein said internal control member prevents operation of said equipment by preventing power to transfer from said power source to said driver member without entry of said predetermined user code, entry of said user code enabling power to transfer from said power source to said activation member to said driver member to permit both continuous and intermittent operation of said equipment during said programmable activation time period and prevent operation of said equipment upon expiration of said programmable activation time period.

24. The operating control device of claim 23 further comprising a clock member, said clock member activating and deactivating said timer based on user input.

25. The operating control device of claim 23 wherein said communication is by electrical wires.

26. The operating control device of claim 26 wherein said control member and said wires are encased in a solid material, thereby making said control member and said wires inaccessible.

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27. The operating control device of claim 23 wherein said equipment is a hand tool.
28. The operating control device of claim 23 wherein said equipment is electronic.
29. The operating control device of claim 23 wherein said equipment is a camera.
30. The operating control device of claim 23 further comprising an a locking device for said exterior case, said locking device preventing nonuser access to said control device.
31. The operating control device of claim 23 further comprising a solenoid, said solcnoid connecting said activation member to said power source.
32. An operating control device for at least one piece of equipment, said equipment having an exterior case, a power source, an internal activation member and a driver member, said control device having:

an input device, said input device being integral with said exterior case and permitting input of a user access code;

a readout panel, said readout panel being visible at said exterior case and providing a status of said operating control device;

an internal control member, said control member being in direct communication with said input device, said power source, said driver member and said activation member,

a user programmable timer, said user programmable timer communicating with said control member and enabling power to flow from said power source to said driver member for a user determined period of time, said user determined period of time being enterable by said user at said input device subsequent to entry of said user code;

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a clock member, said clock member activating and deactivating said programmable timer based on user input;

wherein said internal control member prevents operation of said equipment by preventing power to transfer from said power source to said driver member without entry of said user code, and entry of said user code permits power to transfer from said power source to said activation member to said driver member to permit both continuous and intermittent operation of said equipment for the duration of said user determined period of time, said user determined period of time being monitored by said programmable timer .

23. The device of claim ¹¹23 wherein said input device is activated by a self contained, portable remote unit, said portable remote unit containing an activation code, said activation code activating programming within said control member.

34. The device of claim ¹¹33 wherein said portable remote unit is a scanning touch key.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 6, 8, 11-13 and 19 - 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by Norris et al (5,510,780) in view of Baum et al (5,563,586). Claims 1 - 6, 11 - 13 and 19 - 21 have been deleted and replaced with Claims 23 - 34.

The Examiner has stated that although the '780 does not teach a "control device which has a predetermined user access code; a programmable activation time period, said programmable

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